

Claims

1. A gas bag protection device, comprising

a gas bag which has an outer wall made of a first material,

said outer wall having at least one outflow opening,

5 a membrane made of an extensible, second material which is fastened to said outer wall and covers said outflow opening in a not fully inflated state of said gas bag, and

a device provided outside said gas bag and serving for destroying said membrane,

10 said gas bag and said device being arranged spaced so far apart from each other that said membrane meets said device only when a predetermined internal pressure of said gas bag has been reached.
2. The gas bag protection device according to Claim 1, wherein said membrane bulges forward toward an exterior like a balloon before reaching said
15 device.
3. The gas bag protection device according to Claim 1, wherein said membrane in a folded state of said gas bag is arranged inside said gas bag and turns outwards through said outlet opening on inflation of said gas bag.
4. The gas bag protection device according to Claim 1, wherein said second
20 material of said membrane is constructed such that in a destroyed state it defines an effective outflow cross-section.
5. The gas bag protection device according to Claim 4, wherein said membrane in said destroyed state is so extensible that it provides for one of an enlargement and reduction of said effective outflow cross-section as a function of
25 an internal pressure in said gas bag.

6. The gas bag protection device according to Claim 1, wherein said device for destroying said membrane is provided on an inner face of said steering wheel.